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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 82-117

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

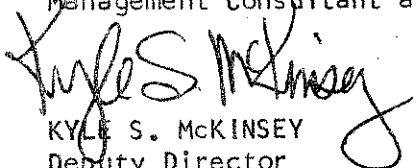
SUBJECT: AFDC-WIN REGISTRATION FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

REFERENCE: 41-440 UNEMPLOYMENT OF A PARENT OR PARENTS  
42-650 WIN EXEMPTIONS  
44-205 ESTABLISHING THE FAMILY BUDGET UNIT

On August 3, 1982 the Department published All-County Letter (ACL) No. 82-73, which communicated to you the specific policies related to Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) for Pregnant Women. In that letter, the Department stated in the Work Registration Section that a pregnant woman does not meet the code 08 exemption of EAS 42-630.8 because the unborn is not an eligible child. Therefore, pregnant women were referred to Employment Development Department (EDD) for registration in accordance with EAS 41-440.24 and 42-625 unless they were otherwise exempt.

The Department has since been informed that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has changed its position and has interpreted the WIN exemption based on incapacity (code 05) to include the general medical symptoms associated with pregnancy. Verification of a specific medical problem is not required. Therefore, pregnant women who are federally eligible or pregnant women who are state-only unemployed parents, are exempt from the work registration requirements (EAS 41-440.24). The basis of this exemption is physical incapacity (42-630.5). However, the Department wishes to emphasize that this policy does not prohibit pregnant women from volunteering to register for work. Counties are required to notify applicants and recipients of their right to volunteer and to withdraw such registration as provided in EAS Section 42-651.1.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact your AFDC Management Consultant at (916) 445-4458.

  
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